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RABAT FOR AG ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, MO, US  
SUBJ: BLUEFIN TUNA SAMPLES FOR SCINTIFIC RESEARCH

1. JOHN MASON, WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, ARRIVED CASABLANCA ON 13 JULY TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUEFIN TUNA TAGGING PROGARAM SPONSORED BY OFFICE NATIONALE DES PECHÉ'S INSTITUTE DES PECHES MARITIMES AND INTERNATIONAL COMMISION FOR CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNA. MASON EXPECTS TO RETURN TO U.S. ON JULY 28 ARRIVING JFK ON ROYAL AIR MAROC FLT 200 AT 1420 HRS. HE WILL THEN TRANSFER FROZEN BLUEFIN SAMPLES OBTAINED DURING CRUISE TO NATIONAL AIRLINES FOR FLIGHT TO MIAMI WHERE HE WILL TURN SAMPLES OVER TO LUIS R. RIVAS, MIAMI LABORATORY, SOUTHEAST FISHERIES CENTER, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA, USDOC, 75 VIRGINIA BEACH DRIVE, MIAMI, FL. 33149.

2. MASON INFORMED RFA THAT HE ANTICIPATES OBTAINING ONLY TEN (10) SAMPLES FROM CRUISE, UNLESS LARGE SCHOOL OF BLUEFIN CAN BE FOUND. MASON REQUESTS PERMISSION FROM RIVAS TO LOCALLY PURCHASE SIXTY (60) ADDITIONAL SAMPLES AT ABOUT 20 MOROCCAN DIRHAMS (USDOLS. 4.45) PER FISH.

3. MASON ALSO REQUESTS GUIDANCE AS TO PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO BRING FROZEN BLUEFIN SAMPLES INTO JFK AIRPORT. DUE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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LACK OF DRY ICE LOCALLY IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO CLEAR USAG/CUSTOMS QUIKLY.  
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